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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 39th, 40th and 42nd meetings, on 14, 15 and 21 December 2000, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/55/26) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution VI, recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 35 of its report (A/55/595) under agenda item 107, and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/55/677). The draft decision submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations was before the Committee in document A/C.5/55/L.27.

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/55/SR.39, 40 and 42).

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II. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

3. The Fifth Committee:

(a) Decided to inform the General Assembly that the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.16/Rev.1 would give rise to additional requirements up to $800,000 under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001,[1] on the understanding that the provision of regular budget funds to the Institute would constitute a one-time exception to the provisions of article VI, paragraph 1, of the Statute[2] of the Institute;

(b) Also decided, in this connection, to advance the Institute up to $800,000 for the year 2001 pending receipt of voluntary contributions on a one-time, exceptional and emergency basis;

(c) Further decided that, if voluntary contributions were insufficient to meet the Institute's requirements for 2001, that advance, less voluntary contributions received, would be considered a one-time-only subvention, and that the resources utilized under the terms of that subvention would be reported in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001;

(d) Emphasized the need for the Institute, as a voluntarily financed programme of the United Nations, to pursue, as a priority activity, the expansion of its donor base, in accordance with the provisions of article VI, paragraph 1, of its own Statute.

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/54/16/Rev.1), vol. II.

[2] A/39/511, annex.